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SUBJECT: CONGRATULATIONS TO PRESIDENT-ELECT FROM PRESIDENT OF

TIMOR-LESTE PARLIAMENT

11. Post has received a letter of congratulations to the President-elect from Fernando La Sama de Araujo, President of the National Parliament of Timor-Leste. Original will be pouched to EAP/MTS.

12. Begin text of English translation:

Senator Barack Obama,

On your election as President of the United States of America I am very pleased to convey to you my heartfelt congratulations, on behalf of the National Parliament of Timor-Leste and my own, with sincere wishes for the success of you mandate and vows of progress and prosperity for the American people.

Your election constitutes a landmark event and represents as well the victory of those who believe in a better and more democratic world. The history of the Timorese people shows how important this can be.

I am sure that new perspectives for strengthening and deepening of the ties of friendship and cooperation between our two peoples will now be open with your election and it is with great confidence that I anticipate the future progress in our relations.

Renewing my sincere greetings and in the hope of meeting you in the near future, I beg you to accept, Senator, the expression of my highest consideration and personal esteem,

Fernando La Sama de Araujo President of the National Parliament

Dili, November 5, 2008.

End text.

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